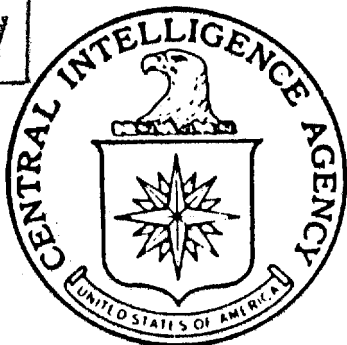


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POLITICAL

ADVISES AGAINST FURTHER VILLAGE AMALGAMATION -- Prague, Rude Pravo, 1 Aug 60

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Since the amalgamation of villages requires thorough political-organizational work and new elections would divert the citizens' attention from agricultural production tasks, the Central Committee advises against further amalgamation of villages for a period of about 2 years, but the mergers of unified agricultural cooperatives should continue.

[Comment: This is one of the rare instances noted in the press by FDD in which the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia has retracted any part of its socialization program. Although agriculture is given as the excuse for this decision in this instance, an earlier article indicates that other factors are also obstructing the village amalgamation program. For example, in Predvoj No 52, 24 December 1959, Jaroslav Mesko stated: "We must, however, consider that the amalgamation (of communities) is a very long process, that often a great role is played by local traditional issues, personal relations, and sometimes even the personal ambitions of the community functionaries, and that every forceful speeding up of amalgamation would be detrimental to this thing (the over-all amalgamation program)." Press accounts have indicated that the amalgamation of villages is a part of a general plan to consolidate the population into larger but more manageable units. Coupled with this, are the press attacks against the construction of unrestricted private housing in the villages. The Communist leaders have been advocating in the press the construction of apartment buildings in the villages, which would provide the party with a better control over its rural citizens.]

ECONOMIC

TIBET MUTUAL-AID TEAMS -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 8 Aug 60, p 3

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In the rural areas of Tibet, more than 100,000 households, or about 85 percent of all the households in the democratic reformed areas, have joined over 8,400 agricultural production mutual-aid teams.

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SALE DEPENDENT ON SURRENDER OF OLD ITEM -- Peiping, Jen-min, Jih-pao, 13 Aug 60, p 8

IV The following is an FDD comment.

An article in source describes the procedure for obtaining new light bulbs in a Chinese store: the customer is required to turn in the broken bulb for a new electric one. According to the article, this "turn-in" method conserves valuable industrial materials and cultivates a person's good habit of not wasting any material."

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ALBANIAN COPPER-PROCESSING PLANT -- Berlin, Neues Deutschland, 11 Aug 60

A copper-processing plant is being built with GDR help near Kurbnesh, northern Albania, at an altitude of 990 meters. The plant will produce pure copper and sulfuric acid and is to process 500 tons of ore per day. All machines are supplied by the GDR. The enterprise will begin operations in November 1960. The machinery comes from the "Ernst Thaelmann" Works, Magdeburg, and the electrical installations were assembled by the Magdeburg Starkstrom-Anlagenbau (High-Voltage Installations Enterprise). The plant also has a laboratory which can make 60 ore tests a day.

#### SOCIOLOGICAL

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COURSE FOR AFRICAN LABOR UNIONISTS -- Berlin, Tribuene, 26 Jul 60

An 8-month training course for trade unionists from almost all African countries will open in September 1960 at the Institute for Foreign Students of the Labor Union College in Leipzig-Leutzsch. Trade unionists from European and Asian countries will also study at the institute, which will be enlarged to accommodate 300 more students by 1963. Labor unionists from African countries are already enrolled at the institute, which shows the solidarity manifested by the FDGB (Free German Trade Union Association) toward African labor unions and the African liberation movement.

#### SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL

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ULTRAVIOLET LAMP TO PURIFY WATER -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 10 Aug 60, p 3

This summer, the Hankow Labor Bureau has put in effect a new device for purifying drinking water, consisting of a rectangular tank lined with galvanized iron sheeting and equipped with an ultraviolet light bulb.

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When a drinking water supply is needed, the lamp is turned on for only 100 seconds to kill all harmful bacteria. Tests show that this new device can produce a potable water supply which meets all sanitary standards.

DECONTAMINATION TABLE -- Berlin, Arme Rundschau, Jul 60

The following is an FDD comment.

A pamphlet enclosed in source contains a suggestion for a gauge to determine the quantity and concentration of decontamination solutions for neutralizing chemical agents. A table listing the ratios of different contaminating agents and their solvents, apparently for use with the gauge, is also published in the pamphlet.

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